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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE ON MEETINGS WITH
HAMAS

REF: A. STATE 27174 (HAMAS MEETINGS)

[1](#)B. JAKARTA 2107 (PALESTINIAN ASSISTANCE)

Classified By: Political Officer John Rath. Reason: 1.4 (D).

[1](#)1. (C) We conveyed and discussed ref A points February 23 with Wahib, Indonesian Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Deputy Director for Middle Eastern Affairs, and emphasized our preference that the GOI not receive Hamas delegations. Wahib replied that the GOI had not extended a visit invitation to Hamas, either directly from Jakarta or through Indonesian missions in Amman or Tunis. He stated that the idea of a Hamas visit to Jakarta was merely prospective and had been discussed informally at the DFA with no decisions taken. He took our points on board and said he would share them with his colleagues and superiors.

[1](#)2. (C) Repeating a statement he made to us last week (ref B), Wahib asserted that the travel of a Hamas delegation to Russia and other nations should not be viewed as signs of support for Hamas, but rather as opportunities for the international community to persuade Hamas that it must abandon violence and accept peaceful negotiations. We replied that it was important for the international community to send a unified message as set forth in the January 30 Quartet statement regarding expectations of a new Palestinian government and that we would have no contact whatsoever with Hamas.
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